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TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, PINT, US, UR
SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. ENERGY AGREEMENT: HYDROPOWER
/COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION: (08.020201): SOVIETS SCHEDULE
ARRIVAL TO SAVE HARD CURRENCY

REF: (A) STATE 94749, (B) MOSCOW 6754, (C) BROWN-STROGA-
NOV LETTER OF 15 MARCH

1. TROSHIN HAS ADVISED THAT SOVDEL CANNOT FLY TO ANCHOR-
AGE THROUGH LONDON AS ADVISED BY BROWN (REF C), BUT MUST
FLY TO WASHINGTON ON 16 MAY. TROSHIN HAD HOPED THAT SOV-
DEL WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERNIGHT WASHINGTON 16 MAY AND FLY
TO ANCHORAGE ON 17 MAY, BUT HE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS NO
CONVENIENT FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON 17 MAY. THUS HE
REQUESTS THAT SOVDEL BE MET IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 16 AND
ASSISTED TO NYC, WHERE THEY WILL OVERNIGHT. BROWN SHOULD
MAKE HOTEL AND NYC-ANCHORAGE FLIGHT RESERVATIONS. DELE-
GATION WOULD FLY NYC TO ANCHORAGE 17 MAY.

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2. EMBOFF HAS AGREED TO PASS THIS REQUEST TO BROWN, BUT
STRESSED TO TROSHIN THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE, WHICH HAS AT
SOURCE SOVIET EFFORTS TO CONSERVE HARD CURRENCY, WOULD
CREATE MUCH EXTRA WORK AND EXPENSE FOR U.S. HOSTS, AND
THAT SUCH COULD BE AVOIDED IF SOVDEL TRANSITED LONDON AS
REQUESTED. TROSHIN REPEATED REQUEST FOR NEW YORK STOP-
OVER.

3. TROSHIN ALSO PROVIDED FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP OF SOVDEL:
T. P. DOTSENKO, CHIEF ENGINEER OF "GIDROPROYEKT" INSTITUTE;
I. S. MOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER, GIDROPROYEKT;
B. B. KON'KO, CHIEF ENGINEER OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE
ZEYSK HYDRAULIC CENTER;
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V. YE. LYAPIN, DIRECTOR OF THE SIBERIAN DIVISION OF THE
INSTITUTE VNIIG.
YU. I. FRISHTER, CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE KOLYMSK
HYDRAULIC CENTER;
A.I. TSAREV, SECTION HEAD, GIDROPROYEKT.

4. COMMENT. MINPOWER IS APPARENTLY SUGGESTING THE
WASHINGTON-NEW YORK TRANSIT INSTEAD OF LONDON, COPENHAGEN,
OR TOKYO IN ORDER TO CONSERVE HARD CURRENCY. THE FLIGHT
FROM THOSE OTHER CITIES TO ANCHORAGE IS ABOUT \$450, WHERE-
AS THAT FROM NYC IS ABOUT \$250. WE SEE, HOWEVER, NO REA-
SON WHY U.S. HOSTS SHOULD GO THROUGH SUCH CONTORTED
EXERCISES AS THAT SUGGESTED BY MINPOWER IN ORDER TO SAVE
SOVIETS A FEW DOLLARS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE NYC-WASHINGTON
ROUTING HAS SOVDEL ARRIVE AFTER CONFERENCE STARTS AND
FAR MORE REASONABLE SCHEDULES EXIST.

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5. PLEASE ADVISE. TOON

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